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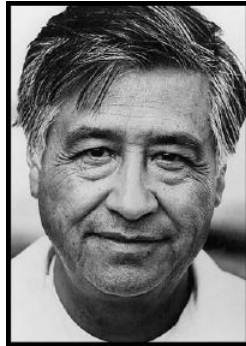
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Dear Friends:

On March 31, Tucson will be celebrating the Cesar Chavez Holiday. Cesar Chavez was born on March 31, 1927 and we must not forget the legacy led by him such as his determination to improve the quality of life for all.

He was an Educator, Environmentalist and a Civil Rights Leader. One of his most famous sayings was: "We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community.

Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own."

For the past 29 years the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), in partnership with the Southern Arizona Institute of Leadership (SAIL) and the Metropolitan Education Commission (MEC) have been actively involved in our community providing educational assistance to our youth and motivating them to realize education is the key to success and that their number one goal should be to graduate.

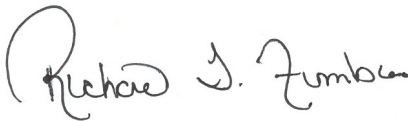
Education is a great equalizer. Latino's are now the largest racial and ethnic population, affecting the cultural and political landscape and changing the way America does business. The presence and influence of Latinos has increased significantly in the United States through remarkable growth over the past 20 years. But according to recent polls, Latinos in the United States see education as the most important issue facing their community. Over 50% of Latinos equate sending their children to college with achieving the American dream. I thank LULAC, SAIL and MEC, and all the organizations that work hard to educate our youth and to get them to obtain their diplomas and college degrees.

Latino's have a rich heritage of educational innovation and achievement. The Spaniards established two universities in Lima and Mexico in 1541, and a total of seven universities in the new world before Harvard opened its doors. I believe Cesar Chavez, would tell us today that we need to recover their spirit and create our own renaissance in education. He said, "It is possible to become discouraged about the injustice we see everywhere. But God did not promise us that the world would be humane and just. He gives us the gift of life and allows us to choose the way we will use our limited time on earth. It is an awesome opportunity."

On this holiday, I want to thank my colleagues on the Council and the many organizations who supported the Council's vote for the Cesar Chavez holiday. His selfless dedication for farm worker and worker rights, economic justice, civil rights, environmental justice, peace, nonviolence, empowerment of the poor and disenfranchised, is a monumental legacy that will inspire all and the generations to come. What is most important is that remembering and honoring Cesar Chavez inspires more people to become involved in all the causes which continue his extraordinary legacy.

The 18th Annual Tucson Cesar Chavez March will take place, Saturday, April 7, 9 a.m., at Pueblo High School. For more information, go online to chavezaz.com.

Thank You.



Richard G. Fimbres
Your Ward 5 Councilmember

City of Tucson Budget Discussions

City Manager Michael Ortega and the Mayor and Council have continued their discussions about the current budget and next year's budget. The Mayor and Council have begun the review of the City's revenues and expenditures and considering potential options to go forward for our community.



Thanks to the work of the Mayor and Council, City Manager and city staff, we have gone from dealing from projected budget deficits to structural budgets for the past two fiscal years.

During my service as your Councilmember, I've brought forward proposals to emphasize using the P-Card for purchases which has brought in \$1.6 million in rebates over the past two years as well as saved the City more than \$4.5 million in processing pur-

chase orders. In addition, my proposal for the City to get proceeds for the sale of impounded vehicles, has brought in more than \$3.0 million in revenue to help cover public safety pension costs.

The Mayor and Council, the City Manager and his staff, are working on plans for better compensation for city employees, dealing with attrition within the departments and plans for Fiscal Year '19, which starts July 1. I want to thank the city employees who have sacrificed a lot for our community. When I stated in 2009, City employees were doing nine-day unpaid furloughs. The City Manager will formally present his proposed budget at the April 17 Mayor and Council meeting.

Training Our Workforce

There has been growth and development in Ward 5, but with this the need for a trained workforce is essential. I recently wrote a letter to Governor Ducey about this need and for the Arizona Legislature and Governor to restore funding to Pima Community College and Maricopa Community College. Here is the letter I wrote.

Dear Governor Ducey:

Recently, I was informed by the Southern Arizona Home Builders Association and the Tucson Association of Realtors that the average age of a construction worker and electrician in Tucson and Pima County is 54 years old.

In meetings with medical companies, I have been told of the potential shortage of medical transcriptionists, since many in Tucson and Pima County are at the age to retire and there is no program in Southern Arizona to educate and train new people for this important job.



Elected officials from both side of the aisle have stressed the importance of having an educated and trained workforce, to offer to businesses thinking of coming to our state.



Over the past several years, the Arizona Legislature zeroed out state funding to Maricopa Community College and Pima Community College.

In years past, both Community Colleges had offered educational courses and job training to their students. Motorola, Bombardier and several automobile lines had programs at Pima Community College. The automotive program at Pima Community College was set up in six months time!

During this session of the Arizona Legislature, HB 2559 was introduced. HB 2559 would restore state funding to both institutions, \$7.4 million to Pima Community College and \$8.8 million to Maricopa Community College, for science, technology, math, engineering and workforce programs.

Most reports from inquiring businesses looking to coming to Arizona ask about the state's educational system and whether the workforce is qualified. Both Pima and Maricopa Community College's can help with training students and our state's workforce.

HB 2559 was not heard in the Legislature, so it can not be advanced in its present form. The bill could be attached to another piece of legislation that has advanced during this legislative session, as a striker amendment.

For our state, our workforce and for our future, our young people, we need to support this effort and it get it attached to another bill, with funding for both Community Colleges.

In my Ward, we have had expansion by Raytheon, Chamberlain Manufacturing, VXI Tucson, Alorica Pharmaceutical, CAID Industries, Modular Mining, Costco, HomeGood's relocation of their distribution center from California to Ward 5, and soon GEICO. Caterpillar is also moving their regional office to Tucson.

When I have met with these companies, they bring up the same question, about the workforce and its qualifications.

Funding for Pima Community College and Maricopa Community College is worth the investment.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Richard G. Fimbres
Councilmember – Ward 5
Former Governing Board Member – Pima Community College
Proud holder of two AA Degrees from Pima Community College

Please contact Governor Ducey at (520) 628-6580 or your Arizona Legislators at (800) 352-8404 and urge them to fund Maricopa and Pima Community Colleges.

USAF Holding Public Scoping Meetings

The U.S. Air Force (USAF) is holding public scoping meetings to solicit written comments on the proposed beddown of the Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) F-35A mission.

The AFRC F-35A mission includes the beddown and operation of 24 Primary Aerospace Vehicles Authorized (PAA) F-35A aircraft with 2 Backup Aircraft Inventory (BAI), facility and infrastructure development, and personnel changes at a military base in the continental United States (CONUS) where the AFRC conducts a global precision attack mission. The public scoping meetings will be arranged in a "come and go," open-house format with no formal USAF presentation or opportunity for public testimony. Written comments will be accepted.



U.S. AIR FORCE

The USAF has identified Naval Air Station (NAS) Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base (JRB) as the preferred alternative, and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (AFB), Homestead Air Reserve Base (ARB), and Whiteman AFB as reasonable alternatives. The AFRC F-35A mission would be a replacement mission. If an alternative base is selected, the PAA AFRC F-35A aircraft with 2 BAI would replace either 24 AFRC A-10 aircraft at Davis-Monthan AFB or Whiteman AFB or 24 AFRC F-16 aircraft at Homestead ARB or NAS Fort Worth JRB. Along with the No Action Alternative, all four bases will be evaluated as alternatives in the EIS.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the USAF will analyze potential environmental consequences associated with implementing the F-35A mission at each alternative base. A No Action Alternative (not implementing the AFRC F-35A mission) will also be examined. No alternative will be selected for the AFRC F-35A mission until after the EIS is complete. More information can be obtained from the project website at <https://www.AFRC-F35A-beddown.com>.

In order to effectively define the full range of issues to be evaluated in the EIS (i.e., what will be covered and in what detail), the USAF will solicit written comments from interested state and federal agencies and members of the public through notices in the Federal Register and various media in the local communities near the alternative bases. To further solicit input regarding the scope of the proposed action and alternatives, the USAF will also hold a series of public scoping meetings from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on the following dates:

April 17, 2018: Homestead ARB – at William F. Dickenson Community Center, 1601 North Krome Ave., Homestead, Florida. April 19, 2018: NAS Fort Worth JRB – at Cendera Center, 3600 Benbrook Highway, Fort Worth, Texas. April 24, 2018: Davis-Monthan AFB – at Tucson Convention Center, 260 South Church Ave., Tucson, Arizona. April 26, 2018: Whiteman AFB – at Knob Noster High School, 504 South Washington, Knob Noster, Missouri.

The public scoping meetings will be in the format of an open-house information session, and the public can drop in at any time. The open-house session is an opportunity for community members to learn more about the AFRC F-35A mission and speak with USAF personnel one-on-one. All members of the public are invited. Public comments are encouraged. Public input supports the USAF in making more informed decisions.

Scoping comments can be submitted via the project website or the address below by the date indicated. For those sending comments by mail, a comment form is available on the project website to help expedite your submission.

Although comments will be accepted throughout the environmental impact analysis process, public input must be received by 11 May 2018 to ensure consideration in the Draft EIS. Those wishing to mail comments or obtain further information should contact: Mr. Hamid Kamalpour, U.S. Air Force, AFCEC/CZN, 2261 Hughes Ave, Ste 155, Lackland AFB, Texas 78236-9853.

Youth Leadership Conference, April 6

The 29th Annual LULAC Youth Leadership Conference will take place, Friday, April 6, at Pima Community College's West Campus. For more than two decades the Youth Leadership Conference has been able to host to over 125,000 students. The Conference's focus is instilling leadership skills.

One of the highlights for this year's Conference will be the Keynote Speaker. This year's keynote speaker is Jessica Cox. Jessica shows how to overcome fear against all odds. She believes that having the skills to overcome fear and self limiting beliefs is the most significant stepping stone to success.

Described as a speaker “no one will ever forget,” Jessica shows audiences around the globe how success is built on a culture that embraces challenges. She teaches organizations how to implement her PILOT system to create a culture of fearlessness.

Born without arms, Jessica is fascinated by the limitless ways the human body can adjust to a variety of circumstances. Jessica has utilized dormant physical traits to adapt and use her feet the way people use their hands.

As she learned to conquer physical barriers, she developed mental skills that allowed her to go on to achieve the seemingly impossible. Jessica graduated from the University of Arizona and had attended the Youth Leadership Conference as a high school student.

For more information, go online to lulacyle.org



LULAC Educator's Awards and Scholarship Banquet, April 19

The 29th Annual LULAC Educator's Awards and Scholarship Banquet Committee has announced the honorees for this year's event.



Receiving the LULAC Presidential Citation Award are:

Dominique Calza, Program Coordinator, Mexican American Student Services, TUSD, Regina Navin Suitt, Vice President for Adult Basic Education at Pima Community College, Bruce Burke, attorney and community activist, Karin Uhlich, former Tucson Councilmember, Director of Housing Administration with Cenpatco Integrated Care, Founder - Center for Economic Integrity, and Francisco Romero, Spanish language broadcaster for the University of Arizona sports teams and the 2017 World Champion Houston Astros baseball club.

Receiving the Soldado de Cuero Lifetime Achievement Award are:

George Steele, Vice President of the Marshall Foundation, Martha Fimbres, Clinical Social Worker, and Dr. Nelba Chavez, former administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

These individuals are being honored for their work and commitment to bettering the lives of youth and our community.

WHAT: 29th Annual LULAC Educational Awards & Scholarship Banquet.

WHEN: Thursday, April 12, 5:30 P.M.

WHERE: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Tucson – Reid Park, 445 S. Alvernon Way.

Tickets for the Banquet are \$75 (dinner donations are tax deductible for the amount exceeding \$27). Proceeds will go to LULAC's effort to send students to attend the LULAC Washington National Youth Leadership Seminar and to provide scholarships with LULAC's National Scholarship Foundation. Please make checks payable to the Southern Arizona Institute of Leadership (SAIL – a non-profit corporation under section 501c3 of the IRS Code) and mail them to SAIL, c/o LULAC, P.O. Box 2443, Tucson, AZ 85702. Visit www.lulacylc.org to register or by calling (520) 903-2838.

April Ward 5 Neighborhood Meetings

Here is the schedule of the upcoming neighborhood meetings for April:

South Park Neighborhood Association, Monday, April 2nd at 6:00 pm, Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th St. Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association, Thursday, April 5th at 6:00 pm, Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue. Campus Community Relations Committee (CCRC), Tuesday, April 10th at 6:00 pm, Student Union Memorial Center, Ventana Room, 4th Floor, 1303 E. University Blvd.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association, Monday, April 16th at 7:00 pm, Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia Rd. Barrio Santa Rita Neighborhood Association, Tuesday, April 17th at 6:00 pm, Santa Cruz Parish, Good Shepherd Room, 1220 S. 6th Ave. SNAPP (Southside Neighborhood Assn. Presidential Partnership), Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia, Thursday, April 19th at 6:00 pm. Saturday, April 21st at 10:00 am, Cherry Avenue Recreation Center, 5085 S. Cherry Avenue. Barrio Santa Rosa Neighborhood Association, Monday, April 23rd at 6:00 pm, Santa Rosa Library, 1075 S. 10th Avenue.

Interfaith Community Services Opens Third Location in Tucson to Serve Southside

Local social services agency Interfaith Community Services (ICS) is pleased to announce the opening of offices at the El Pueblo Neighborhood Center at 101 W Irvington Rd, Tucson, AZ 85706 beginning Monday, April 2.



The new office at the El Pueblo Center is designed to improve access to ICS services as well as volunteer opportunities for neighbors on Tucson's Southside, and is a major step towards the organization's objective to widen access to ICS services throughout the community. The El Pueblo Center office compliments existing ICS offices on Tucson's northwest and eastside.

Since 1985, ICS has helped people in need achieve stable healthy and independent lives. ICS offers compassionate support by connecting more than 850 volunteers, 100 diverse faith community partners and caring donors with Pima County's most vulnerable residents.

The agency provides a host of wraparound support programs that include food banks, rent/utility assistance to prevent homelessness, case management, financial literacy and job search help for those in distress, as well as programs to enable frail and aging adults to live with independence at home with transportation and mobile meals. ICS also offers a broad range of community-based health education and outreach programs to support well-being such as: Mental Health First Aid training, End of Life Care workshops, topical Lunch & Learn presentations, and health trainings for congregations. The ICS Care Partners Program facilitates healing at home for individuals being discharged from the hospital through non-medical support services provided by trained volunteers. ICS has received Charity Navigator's highest rating of four stars for eight years in a row for its fiscal responsibility and transparency.

ICS will offer case management, volunteer orientations, and occasional food distribution and health education at the new El Pueblo Neighborhood Center location. The new office is open 9am – 4pm Tuesday-Friday and on an appointment basis. For more information, go to www.icstucson.org or call (520) 297-6049.

News and Notes

The Animal Welfare Alliance of Southern Arizona AWASA, No Kill Pima County and Pima Medical Institute held a free vaccination and microchips event at the YWCA House of Neighborly Service, 243 W. 33rd Street on Saturday, March 24. I want to thank those who brought their pets to the event. Over the past three year's, with the work of AWASA, more than 2,000 dogs and cats have been spayed/neutered and received vaccinations.

La Caliente 92.1 and 95.7 FM and La Buena Radio 94.3 FM, in conjunction with the Ward 5 Council Office, held a Health and Wellness Fair at the El Pueblo Activity Center, Saturday, March 24. I want to thank the radio stations for hosting the event, the organizations that took part and the staff and El Pueblo Activity Center for their work to make the event a success.



Ideas and causes begin in our neighborhoods. The Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood held a rally for our children, in conjunction with the March for Life events being held today in Tucson and across the country. Congratulations to Cindy Ayala, the Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association, TPD South Command and the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department for their work on this event which took place at Pueblo Gardens Park. Organizers also want to thank the Starbuck's and the Wal-Mart Supercenter at the Bridges for their support. #enoughisenough

On Saturday, March 17, Councilmember Shirley Scott and I represented the City of Tucson at the 31st Annual Tucson St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mayor "Temo" Galindo of Nogales, Sonora Mexico, Mayor John Doyle of Nogales, Arizona and Mayor Tom Murphy of Sahuarita took part. Thousands of Tucsonans turned out downtown to mark St. Patrick's Day. Councilmember Scott and I want to thank the parade and festival committee for their work and for another successful celebration.



On March 14, the Ward 5 Council Office hosted the Hispanic Leadership Institute for their leadership course. The Hispanic Leadership Institute is a 12-week program of weekly classes conducted one evening a week. HLI offers participants the opportunity to engage Arizona's foremost business and policy authorities in a continuing dialogue about leadership and Latino issues. The Hispanic Leadership Institute enhances participants' understanding of the role culture plays in a variety of circumstances, with specific attention to the enduring influence of Latinos in Arizona. It was my pleasure to speak to the participants about Ward 5 and my service on the Council and for our community.



A public meeting about the proposed GEICO at the Bridges will take place, Wednesday, April 4, 5:30 to 7 p.m., at the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center, 1575 East 36th Street.

Public Comments are still being accepted from the proposed TEP 138 KW Transmission Line and Kino Substation Project. Email comments to irv2tucson@tep.com. Call (844) 343-1303 or go online to tep.com/Irvington-to-kino and fill out the online form.

The American Eat Company, Ward 5 and the South side's first standing food court will be having their grand opening on April 3. Construction is ongoing for the El Rio Community Health Center at Cherry and 22nd, with El Rio Health expecting to move in by the end of 2018.

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Tucson Police Department or Tucson Fire Department
DIAL 911

Permits

Planning and Development Services Department
791-5550

Housing Assistance

City of Tucson Community Services Department
791-4739

Tucson Convention Center

791-4101

City of Tucson Code Enforcement

791-5843

TPD Red Tag Unit

837-7318

Graffiti Removal

792-CITY (2489)

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department
791-3171

Transportation & Street Maintenance

Tucson Department of Transportation
791-3154

Tucson Water Department

Billing - 791-3242, Public Information - 791-4331

Park Tucson

791-5071

Pima Animal Care

724-5900

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